

GERMANY NOW OFFERS PROOF

CHARGE THAT ENGLAND SUGGESTED JOINT NOTE ON CUBA.

Don't make Public With Kaiser's Marginal Comment: "I Am Against the Step."—Announcement Follows a Call by the Kaiser at British Embassy—German Anger at Attempt to Spoil the Effect of King Henry's Visit.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. BERLIN, Feb. 12.—The Imperial Gazette publishes to-night Dr. von Holleben's original despatch to Count von Bulow, who was then Minister of Foreign Affairs, regarding Great Britain's attitude toward the United States prior to the outbreak of the Spanish-American War. It refers especially to the incident of April 14, 1898, when, Germany alleges, the British Ambassador at Washington suggested a joint note declaring that armed intervention in Cuba was unjustifiable, which action England denies. The despatch begins: "The British Ambassador to-day took in a very surprising way the initiative in a new collective step on the part of the Ministers. We suppose Queen Regent Christina must have approached Queen Victoria to this end. In compliance with the wish of the English Ambassador we are telegraphing our Governments as follows."

Then follows the text of the note saying that the time had arrived to remove the erroneous impression which prevailed that armed intervention on the part of the United States in Cuba commanded the support and approval of the civilized world.

Dr. von Holleben comments as follows: "I personally look rather coolly upon the proposal. Emperor William's marginal comment is: 'I consider such a manifestation ill-advised. Four powers therefore would be harmful. I am against the step.' Opinion here, especially in official quarters, is somewhat excited over the matter. Some observers believe that Viscount Cranborne's recent statements in the British House of Commons on the subject have aroused the bitterest resentment, and it is stated that the Emperor's sensibilities were painfully wounded thereby.

His Majesty's surprise visit to the British Ambassador before 10 o'clock this morning, when they were closeted for a considerable time, is generally connected with the incident. It is rumored that the Emperor showed himself irritated, even indignant, it having been represented to him that Viscount Cranborne's statement was aimed at arousing anti-German feeling in the United States in connection with Prince Henry's visit.

However foolish this view of Viscount Cranborne's statement may be, it is largely accepted by the public and accounts for the rancorous feeling that is growing up around the incident. A more sober version of the Emperor's visit to the British Ambassador is that in view of the importance of the step he desired himself to inform the Ambassador of his intention to publish the despatches and to ascertain the British attitude in view of that intention. Explanations which may be expected to give the public knowledge of the incident are eagerly awaited.

LONDON PAPERS CONFIDENT. LONDON, Feb. 13.—The newspapers either suspend judgment on the Poncefote controversy or express themselves as satisfied that the whole incident can be easily explained by the fact that his position as dean of the diplomatic corps at Washington necessitated his taking a nominal lead.

None of them has its confidence shaken in the correctness of his attitude or in Great Britain's friendliness for the United States during the war and before the war. All are convinced that American confidence therein will be equally unshaken.

The Telegram wrathfully accuses the German Government of trying to sow discord between the United States and Great Britain.

The Daily News accepts the Reichensperger's publication as finally proving that Germany in no way encouraged European intervention, and suspends judgment on Lord Poncefote, who, it is convinced, did not act at the instance of his Government if he took the step with which Germany credits him.

The Morning Post thinks it a pity that Lord Poncefote's loyalty to his colleagues has given rise to a distorted view of the facts.

The Chronicle says that perhaps Mr. McKinley's mistake in not publishing the final Spanish note lies at the bottom of the whole mystery.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR WON'T DISCUSS IT. WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Lord Poncefote, the British Ambassador, could not be seen to-night with reference to the publication of the German Ambassador's message about Lord Poncefote's proposal to his diplomatic colleagues in Washington just prior to the beginning of the Spanish-American War. To all inquiries that have been made at the British Embassy in regard to Great Britain's part in the ante-bellum exchanges, the answer has been given that Lord Poncefote would decline to discuss the matter, as he regarded the Foreign Office in London as the proper source of such information.

In view of the action of the German Government in making public the text of Dr. von Holleben's message, an explanatory statement from the British Government may be expected.

The controversy between London and Berlin over the question of which Government displayed the greater friendliness for the United States in the difficulties with Spain has been followed with much interest and not a little amusement in Washington official quarters. It is fair to say, however, that despite the accusation against Great Britain and Lord Poncefote, to believe that what is known as the proposal of April 14, 1898, which appears in Dr. von Holleben's despatch to the Berlin Foreign Office, was made by Lord Poncefote to his colleagues of the Ambassadorial circle

AT THE EARNEST SOLICITATION OF THE MINISTER OF AUSTRIA-HUNGARY.

Dr. von Holleben's telegram gives the impression that the proposal was initiated by Lord Poncefote, which, of course, means that the British Government sanctioned it. According to statements made by two authorities on the subject to THE SUN representative, all the Governments concerned, including Great Britain, declined to endorse the proposal.

The publication of the comments of the German Emperor and his Ambassador in Washington, indicating friendliness toward this Government at a critical time, will undoubtedly be gratifying to members of the Administration, particularly President Roosevelt.

AIRSHIP'S SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

Santos-Dumont Sails Around Nice With His Invention Under Perfect Control.

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When nearly opposite Villa Cyrenas, from which ex-Emperor Eugene and a distinguished party were watching him, he stopped and made a series of graceful evolutions, the airship being under perfect control. He returned here with the wind at a smart pace and alighted without a hitch.

TO INSURE MARCONI'S LIFE.

Wireless Telegraph Company Will Take Out Policies for \$750,000.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. LONDON, Feb. 13.—The Daily Mail says that the directors of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Company have decided to insure Marconi's life for \$750,000. The insurance will be divided among several companies.

RUSSELL SAGE LETS OFFICE GO.

And Drives Nellie to Harlem—On Business Though, Holiday and All.

Russell Sage was not at his office yesterday and his clerks had a holiday. Mr. Sage's absence caused some confusion in the office, but he usually celebrates public holidays by sticking to his desk.

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ROOSEVELT'S SON IMPROVES.

ALL THE INDICATIONS POINT TO FULL RECOVERY.

Danger Passed in the Left Lung and That Will Help to Clear the Situation for the Right Lung—The President Cheerful—Making Plans for His Departure.

GROTON, Mass., Feb. 12.—President Roosevelt was in a more cheerful frame of mind to-night than he has been for several days. At Gardner House he dined with the Rev. Dr. Endicott Peabody, principal of Groton School, and several of the surgeons. None was more cheerful than the President. He laughed merrily at some jokes that went round the table and told several stories himself. There was a general air of relief in the President's manner. The improvement in his son's condition to-day has been of a decidedly encouraging nature.

Secretary Cortelyou said at 9 o'clock to-night: "The boy's condition continues favorable and has been so all day. The changes in pulse and temperature have been but slight fluctuations. The left lung has been cleared and the right is considerably better. In fact, everything has gone very well to-day."

The Secretary was asked if the physicians held the theory that there was a crisis through which each lung had to pass. He replied that he understood the physicians so held. They maintained that the crisis had been passed for the left lung and that of the right was yet to be met.

"The clearing of the left lung," Mr. Cortelyou said, "will be an assistance to the right lung in the crisis which is expected now within twenty-four hours. The physicians have every hope that the second crisis will be passed successfully. Continued improvement during last night and to-day holds them up in this opinion."

"President Roosevelt is already making some preparations for his departure. He will not go South until after the reception to Prince Henry which begins in Washington on the 24th. Invitations to the White House reception are being issued."

To-night at 6 o'clock in St. John's Chapel, erected by William Amory Gardner in memory of John L. Gardner, an Episcopal vesper service was held. The chapel is on Groton School grounds and is attended by the students. About thirty persons in all were present. The service was conducted by the Rev. Dr. Peabody.

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CRASH ON THE PENNSYLVANIA.

Passenger Train Hits Engine—Engine Killed—Trainmen Shot, Seeking Aid.

A Railway accommodation train on the Pennsylvania Railroad was speeding between Newark and Waverly at 9 o'clock last night when a freight engine manned by Engineer John Horn and Fireman Stephen Moore, ran out of the Waverly yard on a clear signal and crossed the track of the passenger train. The crew of the drill engine jumped, saving their lives. The engine of the Railway train crashed into the passenger train, and the passenger train was wrecked. Fireman Edward Wilson of the passenger train jumped and escaped with a broken leg, but Engineer George Hetzel clung to his lever after reversing it and was crushed and scalded to death. His engine was a complete wreck.

The front car of the Railway train was a combination baggage and smoking car, and both compartments were crowded. Nobody was seriously hurt there, however, as the front car Mrs. John Semley of Waverly was thrown over two seats and she fell senseless upon the floor. She is 65 years old and was the only passenger seriously hurt. She was taken to her home.

William Winner, a conductor of a freight train, pried at the broken cab of the engine in which Hetzel was imprisoned and a part of it fell upon him and crushed his right leg. Theodore Ferrie, another member of the freight crew, ran up the Waverly road in search of stimulants and dashed into the New Park Hotel, kept by Thomas Carr.

He demanded a bottle of whiskey, and Carr, who was the victim of a dramatic hold-up three weeks ago, opened fire upon him with a revolver, putting two bullets into his shoulder before explanation was asked. Carr was arrested by the police.

Engineer Hetzel was beyond human aid when taken from his wrecked cab. Wilson and Horn were taken to Newark hospitals. The line was quickly cleared after the accident. All of the passengers who were hurt except Mrs. Semley went home unaided.

ERIE FLYER OVERTURNED. Spreading Rails Ditch a Train in Ohio—Twenty Persons Hurt.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 12.—Train No. 10, the Cleveland-New York flyer of the Erie Railroad, was ditched by spreading rails between Phalanx and Mahoning stations this afternoon and one man was hurt fatally and a score of other passengers more or less seriously injured. The accident happened at 2 o'clock while the "flyer" was making full speed.

The rear part of the train was completely wrecked, the coach, which was the last car of the regular part of the train, and the private car of President Joseph Ramsey, of the Wabash and Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroads, which was at the extreme end of the train, being tipped over. Many would have been killed but for the coolness and promptness of Engineer Matthew Shay, one of the veterans of the railroad, who stopped the train with the emergency air brakes, after it was derailed.

Every car of the train was derailed, and the two rear coaches were overturned. The roadbed was torn up for a distance of 100 feet. There is a slight embankment where the accident happened and the overturned cars rolled partly down that.

IS THIS OMINOUS FOR GUDEN? Woodruff Talks of What Directors Should Do With "One Who Defrauds the Bank."

Lieut.-Gov. Woodruff prefaced his address at the dinner of the Republican Club last night by making some comments upon the Gudendy-Guden controversy.

"We are confronted in Brooklyn," he said, "by an unfortunate condition, but the tangible and most serious part of it can be safely left for a just decision where it now is, in the hands of our able, courteous and fearless Governor, who should be powerfully remembered by us to-night, bowed down as I saw him at the funeral of his mother to-day by the sorrow of the deepest of all human bereavement."

"Whatever may be beside that which the Governor will dispose of can be left with equal safety to the Republican party of Brooklyn and we require no Democratic assistance, especially now that many earnest Republicans who ordinarily are not active in party management are being called upon to help in the organization at whatever purification may be found to be necessary."

"I shrink no share of the responsibility. When the President of a bank at the instance of a director whom the stockholders have elected to the board assigns to a position who defrauds the bank, both the President and all the directors should admit their responsibility and waste not a moment in argument on that score, but proceed with the greatest possible despatch, without bluster or hypocrisy, to right the wrong done to the institution, serving the interests of the depositors and stockholders, as we propose to guard the interests of the Republican party of the borough of Brooklyn."

MUST NOT USE PASSES. Gov. McBride Says He Will Discharge Washington State Employees If They Do.

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 12.—Gov. McBride announced to-day that he would consider the use of railroad passes a cause for dismissal of State employees or appointees. He holds that such men must not put themselves under obligation to the railroad companies, thereby rendering themselves liable to be called on to assist the powerful railroad lobby maintained at Olympia during each legislative session by the Gov. Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific railroads.

While Lieutenant-Governor and President of the Senate last year Gov. McBride warmly supported a bill for the creation of a State Railroad Commission. The railroad lobby defeated the bill, but it will be reintroduced at the next session and Gov. McBride does not want his subordinate State officers lined up to fight it. During the ten years he has held office as Judge and Lieutenant-Governor, Gov. McBride has steadfastly declined to accept passes.

ROOSEVELT'S Cousin a College Editor. BOSTON, Feb. 12.—A cousin of President Roosevelt, Franklin D. Roosevelt of Hyde Park, N. Y., has just been elected Secretary of the Harvard Crimson, one of the high literary honors which Harvard University has to offer to its undergraduates.

"Don't Hurry, Don't Worry." You can get a through train to the North or West any night in the day at the New York Central Grand Central Station, in the center of the city of New York. Trains luxurious and two-cent mileage tickets are good.—Ad.

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BATTLE OVER MISS STONE.

CAPTORS ATTACKED BY SECOND BAND OF BRIGANDS—20 KILLED.

Vienna Report Says the First Band Still Holds Miss Stone—Ransom Money the Object—Failure to Secure Release Charged to Ransom Party's Mistakes—Mixed in a Missionary Dispute.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. VIENNA, Feb. 12.—Die Information reports that another band of brigands are fighting Miss Stone's captors for her possession, with the object of obtaining the ransom for her release.

They had an engagement on the frontier on Sunday, and twenty men were killed and twenty wounded. The captors still retain possession of Miss Stone.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—W. F. Maud, special correspondent of the Daily Graphic, in a despatch mailed from Seres on Feb. 5, deals pessimistically with the work of the party to secure the release of Miss Stone. He declares that the liberation of the missionary and her companion, Mme. Taika, is now as far off as ever. He says that the mission at starting held all the trump cards. The Turkish authorities favored the mission and were most assiduous in their attentions and aid.

Mr. Maud then proceeds to unfold a tale which he carefully avoided in all his previous dispatches, the outcome of the mission, which he ended, he feels free to disclose the story.

Briefly summarized, it is an allegation against the members of the mission of causing the failure by their mistakes and incapacity. He accuses Mr. House, when at Banskó, of temporarily neglecting the main object to take up a local grievance of the people of Banskó, which is the chief center of American missionary work in that part of Macedonia, and which is impregnated with Macedonian anti-Turkish feeling.

Mr. House, says the correspondent, allowed himself to be prevailed upon to procure through Consul Billotti at Salonica the removal of the Turkish commander, who was obnoxious to the people of Banskó. This step resulted in temporarily doubling the garrison, as the troops were removed with their commander and a new garrison was imported before the old garrison left. This sudden increase in the military force alarmed the brigands and sealed the fate of the expedition.

The incident caused a quarrel between Mr. House and other members of the expedition. Mr. House remained at Banskó when the others left.

Mr. Maud further charges that Dr. Dragomir Gargulio and Dr. Peet are lacking in the qualities which would have insured the success of their mission. Moreover, the inexplicable mystery with which the three surrounded all their doings, resenting the Turkish precautions as espionage, added to the interference at Banskó, aroused the animosity of the Turks, who had been most friendly and helpful at the outset, and made enemies for the mission wherever it went.

The correspondent concludes by saying that the Turks have everything to gain by an exposure of the whole incident. It will show that the restless condition of Macedonia is due entirely to revolutionary committees, fostered by the Bulgarian Government.

Mr. Maud, telegraphing from Salonica under date of Feb. 10, says that many Bulgarian bands have recently crossed the frontier and joined the Macedonian brigands. Some have penetrated south of the Melnik district, and a general rising is feared.

LUCK WITH TRIPLETS. The Rottenbergs Were Destitute—Now They're Famous and Well Provided For.

Triplets were born yesterday morning to Morris Rottenberg and his wife, of 175 North 10th street, in the city of New York. The triplets are a boy and two girls. The father is a disheveled and despondent employment seeker.

Rottenberg announced after the event that he was doubly lucky. He is an embroidery operator, but for several months has been out of work. He has four other children, all of whom are boys. The triplets are a boy and two girls. The father is a disheveled and despondent employment seeker.

But when the news of the triplets present the stork had brought spread around the neighborhood, a crowd of excited women gathered around the tenement and aid quickly poured into the Rottenberg household. Money, clothing and food were sent in.

The mother, who is about 38 years old, and the triplets are reported as doing well. Soon after they were born, they were named Lena, Rachel and Annie.

BRIDEGROOM SNOWED OUT. Shovelled to Bride's Home, a Mile and a Half, Only to Find the Minister Absent.

BUFFALO, Feb. 12.—August Reichert of Niagara county shovelled snow for a distance of a mile and a half to get to his own wedding and then was disappointed because the minister had been unable to get through. Reichert lives at Sawyers Creek, and his sweetheart, Miss Sarah Jagow, lived at Martinsville, about a mile and a half away. The wedding was set for Sunday afternoon, but the blizzard of the previous night had buried the roads. Reichert armed himself with a snow shovel and began to work his way to his sweetheart's home early on Sunday morning. He reached there six hours later, only to find the minister was away and the wedding had to be postponed until next Sunday.

LAWFUL AMOUNT OF DYNAMITE. Mr. Rives Won't Give an Opinion, Leaving It to the Courts.

Coroner Goldenkrantz received a letter yesterday from Corporation Counsel Rives in answer to his request for an opinion whether the passages in the Rapid Transit law regarding the amount of dynamite that may be kept in one place for the tunnel work superseded the City ordinances on the subject. Mr. Rives wrote that inasmuch as the question who is responsible for the explosion will be raised in the courts, and a number of damage suits are sure to be instituted he would prefer that the opinion come from the courts rather than from his office.

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7 KILLED IN KENTUCKY FIGHT.

Two of a Sheriff's Posse and Five Enemies of a "Blind Tiger" They Attacked.

MIDDLEBORO, Ky., Feb. 12.—An encounter, which lasted several hours, occurred this afternoon at the Quarter House, a "blind tiger," six miles west of this city, on the Kentucky and Tennessee State line, between Sheriff Howard, a posse of thirty men and Lee A. Turner, proprietor of the saloon and his followers.

As a result of this encounter, it is reported that two of the Sheriff's posse were killed. One of them was Charles Cecil of this city. Several of the posse were wounded. A message from the mines near the scene of the conflict reports that five of the Turner followers were killed, but no names are given.

The Sheriff had a warrant for Turner, charging him with receiving stolen property. He left this city this afternoon with his men to execute the warrant and a civil process to retake the stolen property.

When the officers neared the saloon the Turner crowd opened fire, and Charles Cecil was the first to receive the volley from the crowd within. After an hour of fighting the Sheriff got possession of the building and set fire to it.

John Doyle, one of the Sheriff's posse, who was wounded, arrived from the scene of the encounter to-night and says that several of the officers were wounded, but to what extent he is not able to say. A later message from the mines reports the killing of Frank Johnson, bartender and Mike Welch, a driver. It is learned that Turner escaped unhurt.

BROKER RUN AWAY WITH Bluecoat's Leg Broken Following—Surrey and Wagon Smashed.

The horse attached to a surrey driven by a man who said he was William Livingston, a stock broker of 315 West Forty-sixth street, ran away in Jerome avenue yesterday afternoon and raced for dozens of blocks. Mounted Policeman Lyon clattered on behind. When the runaway had gone a quarter of a mile the policeman's horse shied at a bicycle and threw him off, breaking Lyon's right leg.

The runaway kept on to 108th street, where it ran full tilt into a wagon driven by John L. Sirling of 310 West 125th street. Both surrey and wagon were demolished. Livingston was thrown out and received a bad scalp wound. Sirling wasn't hurt. Livingston took a train home and Lyon was taken to the hospital.

BABY LEFT AT ELISE DE WOLFE'S. Actress Advertises for Its Mother, Promising—Comfort.

The following advertisement was printed yesterday: "If the unfortunate mother who left her baby girl on the doorstep of 12 East 17th st. last Sunday evening will communicate with Miss ELISE DE WOLFE, she will be glad to hear of her mother's coming to her comfort and to her advantage."

This refers to the founding that was left on the doorstep of the home of Miss De Wolfe, the actress, whom the Gerry society compelled one night last week to use a wooden baby for the stage.

When the founding was discovered Miss De Wolfe kept it over night and then sent it to a former servant who now lives in Long Island City. If the child's mother doesn't appear within a week, according to the actress's manager, the infant will be put in some institution.

THINKS GIBB WAS MURDERED. Brother of Supposed Battery Park Suicide Says That His Money Is Missing.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 12.—The body of Thomas P. Gibb, Jr., who was said to have committed suicide in Battery Park, New York, was brought here to-day. Gibb's brother believes that he was murdered, as various persons, money and jewelry had been taken from him when he was found in the Melnik district, and a general rising is feared.

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ROYAL YACHT GETS IN EARLY.

THE HOHENZOLLERN REAR SCHEDULE ABOUT THREE DAYS.

Steamed Here Direct From St. Thomas, Omittling to Put in at Bermuda Because of Unfavorable Weather—Rest of the Voyage Fine, and All Hands Well—Yacht Now Moored at North German Lloyd Pier in Hoboken—Representatives of City and Navy and Army Prompt to Pay Their Respects to Admiral Von Baudissin—He Will Probably Return Calls To-day—German Tars Make for the Brewery.

The Emperor William's yacht Hohenzollern, under command of Rear Admiral Count von Baudissin, sailed into New York yesterday afternoon, just about three days before she was expected here, thus completing her first trip across the Atlantic. The Hohenzollern was sighted off Sandy Hook bar at 12:10 o'clock yesterday afternoon. She reached Quarantine at 12:30 and, passing up the bay under her own steam, anchored off the North German Lloyd pier in Hoboken at 2:15. She was warped into her berth at the south side of Pier 3 not quite two hours later and at 4:05 o'clock Secretary James B. Reynolds, representing the Mayor of New York, boarded her to convey the Mayor's compliments to Admiral Baudissin and his officers.

When she was sighted off the bar the Hohenzollern had already picked up a pilot, and, proceeding directly, she anchored like a warship of the smaller class of cruiser. She is painted white, has a ram bow and three pole masts. Her two yellow funnels, with their flaring brass caps, rake well aft, giving the appearance of great speed. At the Hook the marine observer there set the signal flags Z. B. H., which mean "Welcome," and the royal yacht acknowledged the greeting with the flags X. O. O., meaning "Thanks," displayed from the signal staff on her foremast. She was taken up the main ship channel toward Quarantine, having been preceded over the same route only half an hour before by the United States battleship Illinois, which came up from Hampton Roads to serve as the flagship of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, who is to be the special naval escort of Prince Henry of Prussia when the Prince reaches here.

The Hohenzollern's first stop in the region while en route at her mainmast and the flag of the German Navy, a blue cross and eagle on a white field, at her aft. Some curiosity was felt by those afloat and ashore down the bay as to what the yacht would do in the way of saluting as she passed the forts. As a matter of fact, she did nothing. She neither fired a gun nor dipped a flag, and then the marine sharpshooters that, although the vessel flew the flag of the German Navy, she entered this port as a yacht, and yachts don't salute forts.

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